

yesterday. Let the local people decide at a hearing whether to, in fact, continue or not, the groundwater conservancy districts. I don't think that's being unfair at all. I think it's merely asking for a date certain at which time we'll print an amendment to the bill and you can look at it at that time, accept it or not. But there was such a concern yesterday of people not knowing what we were talking about that I thought perhaps we should discuss it further.

SENATOR MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I feel very strongly on this issue because it's quite important to ground water conservation generally and to my district. I'm very much opposed to the amendment offered by Senator Mills yesterday for that reason. I was upset, however, because of the tactics that Senator Mills used and it's very interesting for me to hear Senator Mills today talking about providing a complete understanding of what he was attempting to do and openness in government at the state level and at the local level when in fact, he placed before you an amendment which was entirely different from the way the bill was heard in Committee, changed it in a revolutionary fashion. People coming in to have testified for it in that fashion were told that the first thing when they arrived, we're amending it. It will not be considered that way. You don't have to testify. We are placed in a position of having to vote on this major amendment with no, no amendment on our desk, a major amendment. It was not entered in a normal fashion as an amendment to the bill. No, it was entered as an amendment to the Committee amendments so it would take a simple majority. Now that's a little bit of deception and that's what made me angry. I can lay before this body, full justification for the operations of those groundwater conservancy districts. In fact they are the bodies in this state that have provided most of the innovation, most of the demonstration projects in groundwater conservation projects that even affect favorably the techniques being used throughout the state including Senator Mills' district. It's very hypocritical I think to take this approach this morning. This amendment does not belong on the bill. If it goes on the bill, my next move will be to ask for the bill to go back to Committee for public hearing which it roundly deserves with this amendment. The next motion will be to kill the bill. Something I haven't done here in four years in a fashion that will surprise even "Killer Jack" who has a reputation of killing bills. So I strongly object to the bracketing just on a matter of principle. You can't have it both ways, Senator Mills. You can't ask for openness and full discussion after trying to sneak something by us.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Maresh, do you wish the floor?

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I go along with the bracketing motion. This is my bill and I think this bill should be considered further. I don't go along with the Mills' amendment but I don't think there is any hurry to get this passed although I oppose the kill motion if he does make one because this is needed to clarify the election of the Board members. I don't think you need to be a landowner to be able to vote for the Board. I think